

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Electronic Health Records Taskforce Act.

6 Section 5. Electronic Health Records Taskforce  
7 established. There is hereby created the Electronic Health  
8 Records Taskforce, hereinafter referred to as the EHR  
9 Taskforce. The EHR Taskforce shall be convened by the  
10 Department of Public Health, in coordination with the  
11 Department of Public Aid and the Department of Human Services.

12 Section 10. Taskforce duties; membership.

13 (a) The EHR Taskforce shall create a plan for the  
14 development and utilization of electronic health records (EHR)  
15 in the State in order to improve the quality of patient care,  
16 increase the efficiency of health care practice, improve  
17 safety, and reduce health care errors. The EHR plan shall  
18 provide policy guidance for application for federal, State, or  
19 private grants to phase in utilization of EHR by health care  
20 providers.

21 (b) The Taskforce shall include representatives of  
22 physicians, hospitals, pharmacies and long-term health care  
23 facilities, academic health care centers, payors, patients and  
24 consumers, and information technology providers.

25 (c) The Taskforce shall prepare and submit a report on the  
26 EHR plan to the General Assembly by December 31, 2006.

27 Section 15. EHR plan. The EHR plan shall include, but not  
28 be limited to, a consideration of all of the following:

29 (1) key components of and standards for comprehensive  
30 EHR systems for recording, storing, analyzing and

1       accessing patient health information, assisting with  
2       health care decision-making and quality assurance, and  
3       providing for online health care;

4               (2) consistent data elements, definitions, and formats  
5       that should be incorporated in EHR systems;

6               (3) analysis of costs and benefits in implementing EHR  
7       by various types and sizes of health care providers;

8               (4) survey of equipment, technical assistance, and  
9       resources that would be necessary to assist smaller health  
10      care providers with EHR implementation and utilization;

11              (5) standards, technology platforms, and issues  
12      related to patient access to their individual medical and  
13      health data;

14              (6) a potential phase-in plan for implementing EHR by  
15      health care providers throughout Illinois; and

16              (7) patient privacy, security, and compliance with  
17      applicable rules set forth in the federal Health Insurance  
18      Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

19              Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20      becoming law.